

# Progress achieved under the Protocol on Water and Health

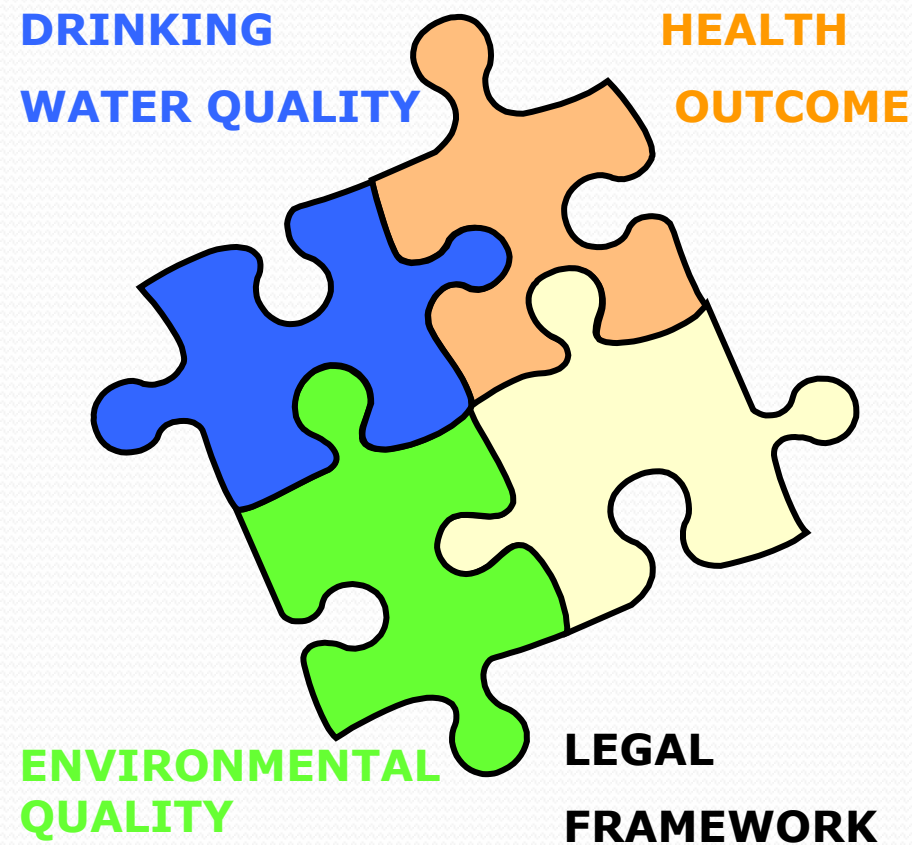
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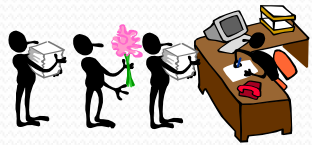
# Objective



Protect human health and well being by better water management, including the protection of water ecosystems, and by preventing, controlling and reducing water-related diseases

# MEETING OF THE PARTIES

**BUREAU**

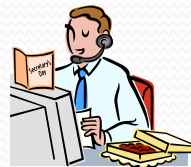
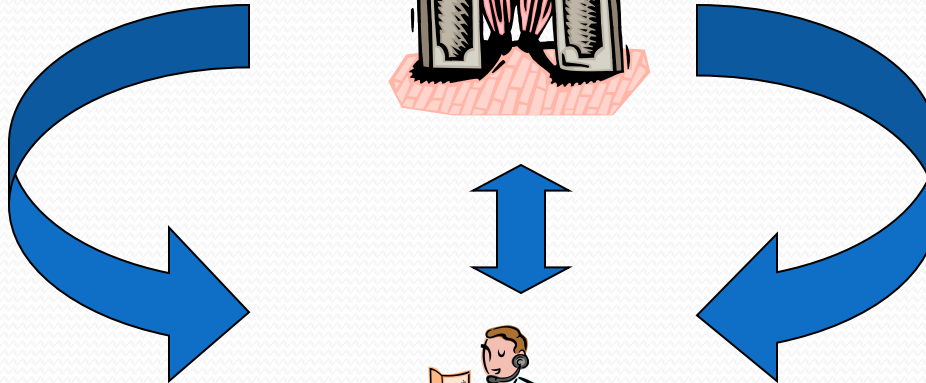


**Compliance Committee**



**Task Force Surveillance**

- Task Force Monitoring and Assessment
- Project Mechanism
- Small scale
- Equitable access
- Working Group Water and Health



**Joint Secretariat  
UNECE – WHO**

## DECLARE TARGETS

- Water supply and sanitation
- Water management
- Health protection

## SET DATES

Within 2 years of becoming a Party, each country sets and publishes targets, and dates for achieving them

## REVIEW PROGRESS

### Parties:

- collect and evaluate data
- publish results
- review progress
- provide summary reports

## EVALUATE

MOP evaluate progress in implementation

## Progress under the Protocol

- *25 countries have ratified*
- *8 countries have set targets, several are in the process of setting them.*
- *Focus areas 2010 -12:*
  - *Target setting and reporting*
  - *Small scale water supply and sanitation*
  - *Equitable access*
- *Second reporting cycle will take place spring 2013*



# Ongoing cooperation

- *The **Protocols** program of work 2010 - 13*
  - *Target setting – exchange of experience*
  - *Extreme weather events. Guidance document “Guidance on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events” published 2011.*
  - *Promotion of the Protocol – “How to better promote the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health: a guide for focal points”*
- *The EU Water Initiative and NPD*
- *The Chairs of the two instruments participate at the other instruments bureau meetings.*



## Possible areas for future cooperation

- *The EU Water Initiative and NPD (Program area B).*
- *Quantifying the benefits of transboundary cooperation. (Program area c)*
- *Climate change - Need for transboundary cooperation in climate change adaptation is increasingly recognized, also at UNFCCC and EU. (Program area D)*
- *The water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus (Program area E)*
- *Continue exploring the relation between the work of the convention on monitoring and assessment and the setting of targets and target dates according to article 6 and reviewing progress and reporting according to article 7 of the Protocol.*
- *Importance of streamlining activities.*

